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Dear Ms. Best:

**SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST, FILE  
NUMBER DON-USMC-2019-008681**

This responds to your July 2, 2019, FOIA request for Headquarters Marine Corps records mentioning or describing Pride Month activities, events or observances in 2017, 2018 or 2019, including directives, policies, publications, emails, memos, and letters. We controlled your request under file number **DON-USMC-2019-008681**.

We initiated searches with the Communications Directorate and the Office of Legislative Affairs, who searched their shared drive for the time period of January 1, 2017, to the present but were unable to locate any responsive records. If you consider this to be an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal directly within FOIAonline. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create New" tab in the left-hand column and select "Appeal". The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your challenge. If you prefer to use regular mail, you can write to the Judge Advocate General (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a statement indicating why you believe it should be granted. We recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

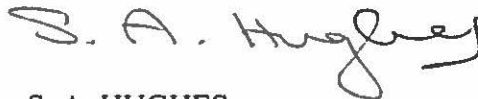
You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at (703) 697-0031 or [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil). You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services for assistance and/or dispute resolution at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) or (877) 684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

The Office of the Judge Advocate General categorized you as a "media requester" for the purpose of assessing FOIA processing fees. As such, you are entitled to 100 pages of duplication free of charge but are responsible for the payment of any fees beyond that. In this instance, there were no charges associated with this request.

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I am the official responsible for this determination. Should you have questions about this action, please contact Mr. Michael Peters of my staff at (703) 614-4008, via e-mail to [hqmcfoia@usmc.mil](mailto:hqmcfoia@usmc.mil), or fax at (703) 614-6287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. A. Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

S. A. HUGHES  
FOIA/PA Programs Manager